3   REFERENCES

Due to the voluminous nature of the technical articles and research studies encompassing the various facets of Questioned Document Examination, long lists of references to technical articles are not included within this manual. Appropriate articles can be efficiently located through the *Questioned Document Article Reference Collection Index* (QDARC Index). This collection index is derived from the initial work by Jim Larner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service Forensic Document Laboratory (INS/FDL) when he introduced the *Questioned Document Article Database* (QDAD) in 1993 in an effort to help document examiners keep abreast of the newest technologies in the questioned document profession. In 2000, all references associated with the QDAD were transferred to the FBI Laboratory Documents Unit, where they are maintained and available under the same general guidelines and criteria as before. The QDARC Index currently contains information on over 7,000 articles, and may be accessed on-line through the American Society of Questioned Document Examiners (ASQDE) home page found at http://www.asqde.org. Further instructions regarding how to obtain reference articles located through the index are detailed in the referenced ASQDE site.

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